

health care entitlements and the impact on the national budget. We all want to be fiscally responsible, reduce the deficit, have Medicare and quality health care for all Americans. But we cannot do that the way the Republicans are proposing. And we want to keep our people healthy.

And just in closing I want to point out one other cut they are making, billions of dollars in cuts in the National Institutes of Health, where we do the breast cancer research, all kinds of prostate cancer research, AIDS research, you name it, any illness that you can name that has gotten attention: Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, the rest of it, so in every way that you would measure the health and well-being of a population, they have undermined and attacked in this.

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And I hope the American people will respond appropriately.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. SANDERS. If the gentleman would yield, I just very briefly say this: Today we heard from our Republican friends that they had a mandate. Let us not forget that in the November elections, 62 percent of the people did not vote, did not vote.

We can turn this around. We can win this fight. We can stop these devastating cuts and this transfer of wealth to the upper-income people. We can do it, but we cannot do it with Members of Congress alone. We are going to need the help of millions and millions of American citizens who are fighting hard to maintain their standard of living.

So if you do not think it is right that we give huge tax breaks to the rich and cut back on a zillion programs that affect the children and the old and working people and students, if you think that is wrong, we are going to need your help.

So let us stand up together and let us fight back. Let us get a little justice in America.

Ms. DELAURO. Just one comment. I was struck today by a letter that I was shown by another Michigander, the gentlewoman from Michigan [Ms. RIVERS] our colleague, and she showed me a letter that she received from a senior citizen in her district about the cuts, and it was a very poignant comment that this individual made.

Lynn showed it to me, and she said, "Read this." And the woman said, "Maybe I have lived too long." An indictment of our values and what this Nation and this country is all about when this woman writes and says, "Maybe I have lived too long," because, "you are cutting my Medicare, my Social Security," and we are providing tax breaks for the richest in this country. It was a sad commentary, and

I think one that struck me very hard, and I think says a lot about what this debate is about.

Mr. BONIOR. Let me just end with a little story to follow up what BERNIE just said about getting involved.

I am always reminded of that story about Senator BILL BRADLEY, who was at a dinner one evening. The Senator was eating. The waiter came by and put a pat of butter on the bread plate. The Senator turned to the waiter and said, "Can I have two pats of butter, please?" The waiter said, "Sorry, one pat per person." On hearing this, the MC for the evening gets up and walks over to the waiter, and he said, "Maybe you do not know who this is. This is Senator BILL BRADLEY, NBA basketball star, Rhodes Scholar, maybe future President of the United States." The waiter turned to the MC and says, "Well, maybe you don't know who I am." And the MC says, "Well, in fact, I don't know who you are. Who are you?" The waiter said, "I am the guy who controls the butter."

Well, the point is that everybody controls a piece of the butter, a piece of the action, but you have got to make your voices known, and you have got to speak up and you have got to be clear and articulate and passionate about it, because when you are, then people like Margaret and the wonderful people we have talked about today will have the decent break in our society they were promised.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 60 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. FIELDS] is recognized for 60 minutes.

[Mr. FIELDS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BONO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of recovery from surgery.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BECERRA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SOLOMON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWNBACK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. ACKERMAN.
Mr. STARK in two instances.
Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.
Mr. COLEMAN.
Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
Mrs. KENNELLY.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. LIPINSKI.
Mr. ROSE.
Mrs. MALONEY in three instances.
Mr. STUPAK.
Ms. WATERS.
Mr. LAFALCE.
Mr. KANJORSKI.
Mr. BISHOP.
Ms. SLAUGHTER.
Mr. BONIOR.
Mr. COLEMAN.
Ms. FURSE.
Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SOLOMON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PACKARD.
Mr. MARTINI in two instances.
Mr. MOORHEAD.
Mr. SHAW in two instances.
Mrs. CHENOWETH.
Mr. SCHIFF in two instances.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 9 a.m.